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RESOLUTION FOR REVEREND DR. SAMUEL AUSTIN

In Philippeans 1:19-20 of the Holy Scriptures reads "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing shall I be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty Father to call from earthly labor to eternal rest the soul of our beloved brother, Reverend Dr. Samuel Austin, we hereby resolve that he had the quality of spirit to work here on earth and still be inspired by the hope of heaven.

We further resolve as a General Church that we shall ever remember the years he spent with us as a youth in the church, who later became our pastor and leader at the tender age of nineteen.

His love and enjoyment of the young people is still fresh in our minds, as we see him playing basketball with them in the middle of Clinton Street, even to the extent of breaking his ankle.

With steadfast determination, initial apprehension and doubts to overcome, the congregation grew steadily into its present edifice under the leadership of Reverend Austin.

We are proud of his Christian heritage, liberalness, generosity, and many accomplishments, but more so, of his love, faithfulness and dedication to the Baptist Church and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May we ever be admonished by his favorite words: "There is some bad in the best of us, and some good in the worst of us."

The words of II Timothy 4:7-8 befit Dr. Austin's life as a soldier of Christ. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

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We further resolve that a copy of this resolution shall be kept on file in our records and a copy given to the family with our sincere love and deep affection, this day of our Lord, the thirty-first of January, nineteen hundred ninety-eight.

Done by Order of the Pilgrim Baptist Church

Sister Gwendolyn L. Hull
Church Clerk

Reverend R. David Holloway
Pastor